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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY)--MEETING TO ASSESS
PROGRESS MADE ON IWY PROGRAM AND WORLD CONFERENCE
OF IWY (MCIWY)

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL (ASYG) HELVI SIPILA,
WHO HAS ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY IN UN SECRETARIAT (SECT)
FOR IWY AND WORLD CONFERENCE OF WIY, CONVENED INFORMAL
MEETING OF STATES MEMBERS OF PROVIDE INFORMATION RE IMPLEMENTATION
OF IWY PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL POSITION OF TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED
FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO IWY. MEETING WAS HELD ON SHORT
NOTICE AND, AS ASYG SIPILA NOTED, WAS CONVENED AT THIS PARTICULAR
TIME SO THAT IT COULD ALSO SERVE AS OFFICIAL INAUGURATION
OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA'S (ECA) PAN-AFRICAN
TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND AFRICAN WOMEN'S
DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE. AS REPORTED ADDIS ABABA'S A-5,
JAN 10, 1975, INAUGURAL CEREMONY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 28
JAN, BUT BY COMBINING IT WITH ASYG'S REPORT ON ENTIRE IWY
PROGRAM, ECA WAS ASSURED OF FAR LARGER AUDIENCE. MEETING
WAS IN FACT WELL ATTENDED, ALTHOUGH DESKS OF MANY SMALL
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MANY AFRICAN ONES,
WERE EMPTY.

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2. ASYG SIPILA MADE OPENING STATEMENT IN WHICH SHE REPORTED THAT SOME 40 COUNTRIES HAD ESTABLISHED IWY COMMISSIONS AND OTHERS, INCLUDING MEXICO, WHICH IS HOSTING IWY CONFERENCE, WEE INITIATING LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE ANY BASIS IN THEIR LAWS FOR UNEQUAL TREATMENT OF MEN AND WOMEN. AFTER BRIEFLY OUTLINING PLANS OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR IWY, SHE PRESENTED BUDGETARY INFORMATION AT REQUEST OF SEVERAL REPS, INCLUDING US. FINANCIAL SITUATION APPEARS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TOTAL COST OF CONFERENCE, EXCLUDING NGO PROGRAM--\$636,212. FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN EXISTING UN BUDGETARY RESOURCES--\$266,000. REMAINDER TO BE CHARGED TO VOLUNTARY FUND--\$370,212. THIS INCLUDES \$65,000 FOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT UNNY MARCH 3-14.

B. COST OF "PARALLEL ACTIVITES" PROGRAM--\$808,000 BROKEN DOWN ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS: JOURNALISTS' ENCOUNTER--\$200,000, WHICH INCLUDES FARE FOR JOURNALISTS FROM SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO COULD NOT OTHERWISE ATTEND; TRIBUNE FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS)--\$300,000; PUBLICATION OF DAILY JOURNAL--\$80,000; TECHNICAL ADVISORS WHO WILL RECEIVE GRANTS TO ATTEND--\$215,000; GUEST LECTURERS--\$13,000. IN RESPONDING TO UKRAINIAN REP WHO HAD COMMENTED ON LARGE BUDGET FOR PARALLEL ACTIVITIES AND HAD ASKED FOR ABOVE BREAK DOWN, ASYG SIPILA EXPLAINED THAT, OF COURSE, THESE ACTIVITES WOULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN TO EXTENT THAT FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THEM.

C. STATUS OF VOLUNTARY FUND WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE PROMISING THAN ANTICIPATED. PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY RECEIVED (NO BREAKDOWN WAS GIVEN AS BETWEEN THESE TWO) TOTALLED \$726,665, BROKEN DOWN AMONG TEN DONOR COUNTRIES AS FOLLOWS:

BELGIUM	\$ 20,000
IRAN	30,000
IRAQ	3,000
NORWAY	18,000
PHILIPPINES	5,000
SWEDEN	500,000

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USA	100,000
FINLAND	10,709
FRG	19,956
SWITZERLAND	20,000
	\$726,665

ASYG SIPILA ALSO REVEALED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, \$500,000 MADE AVAILABLE TO

IWY FROM SWEDEN'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN OF \$1,000,000, ANOTHER \$250,000 WILL BE ALLOCATED TO IWY ACTIVITIES. ASYG SIPILA FURTHER STATED THAT \$500,000 MORE HAS BEEN PLEDGED, BUT SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO REVEAL THE SOURCE AT THIS TIME. THIS MEANS THAT IF ALL PLEDGES ARE HONORED, THERE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL IWY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE WCIWY, \$1,476,665. THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDS CONFERENCE COSTS OF \$1,444,212, BUT IT CANNOT ALL BE USED FOR THE CONFERENCE SINCE THERE ARE OTHER ON-GOING IWY ACTIVITIES WHICH MUST BE FUNDED. IN ADDITION, ASYG SIPILA NOTED THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES HAVE REQUESTED UN MONEY TO HELP FINANCE THEIR IWY PROGRAMS AND THAT THE REGIONAL PROGRAMS WERE ALSO IN NEED OF FUNDING.

3. ECA REP, RIBY-WILLIAMS, GAVE LENGTHY EXPOSITION OF PLANS FOR PAN-AFRICAN TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE AND AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE, AS NOTED ABOVE. COPIES OF COMPREHENSIVE PAPER THESE PROJECTS WERE DISTRIBUTED (COPIES BEING POUCHED IO/LABW, SHIRLEY HENDSCH).

4. MEXICAN REP, LPEZ BASSOLS, DESCRIBED ALL THE EXPENSE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO MEET IN ORDER TO HOST CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO IWY. HE THEN STRONGLY URGED GOVERNMENTS TO NOTIFY HIS GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE. ASYG SIPILA ADDED THAT SECT WOULD SEND OUT INVITATIONS IMMEDIATELY.
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